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SUBJECT:HISHAM NAZER VISIT TO THE U.S.

1. SUMMARY: MINISTER OF PLANNING, HISHAM NAZER VISITED WASHINGTON FROM AUG. 6 TO 14 AND MET WITH USG OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. MAJOR POINTS OF DISCUSSION DURING HIS SCHEDULED MEETINGS CENTERED ON THE ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT, SAUDI ARABIA'S GROWING POLITICAL ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, OIL PRICES, AND THE SAUDI DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. MINISTER NAZER APPEARED PLEASED WITH ALL ASPECTS OF HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, TERMING THE VISIT BOTH PRODUCTIVE AND PLEASANT.

2. ON AUGUST 7, MINISTER NAZER WAS INTERVIEWED BY ROBERTA HORNIG, WASHINGTON STAR. HE DISCUSSED UTILIZATION OF OIL REVENUE, SAUDI DEVELOPMENT PLANS, LEVEL OF OIL PRODUCTION AND THE USE OF-THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AS A POLITICAL INSTRUMENT. -ON THE EVENINGS OF AUGUST 7 AND 8 NAZER ATTENDED
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DINNERS IN HIS HONOR HOSTED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, SAUDI

ARABIAN EMBASSY, AND MR. HASSAN YASSIN, SAUDI BUSINESSMEN, RESPECTIVELY.

3. MINISTER NAZER MET WITH SEC CHAIRMAN RODERICK HILLS AUGUST 9, AND GROUNDWORK WAS LAID FOR POSSIBLE SEC ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA IN DEVELOPING RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING CAPITAL MARKETS IN SAUDI ARABIA. AN INTERVIEW WITH SYNDICATED COLUMNIST ROLAND EVANS FOLLOWED.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON NAZER MET WITH CHAIRMAN ULLMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED ON THE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ON THE ABILITY OF U.S. FIRMS TO COMPETE IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN MARKET. NAZER ALSO MET WITH MEMBERS OF SENATOR RIBICOFF'S STAFF. HE STRONGLY REITERATED THE SAG POSITION CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC BOYCOTT. RIBICOFF'S STAFF SAID THE PRIMARY BOYCOTT IN ESSENCE PRESENTED FEW PROBLEMS BUT THERE WAS CONCERN OVER THE SECONDARY AND TERTIARY BOYCOTT AND PROPOSED BOYCOTT LEGISLATION DRAFTED WITH THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN COMPANIES IN MIND. MINISTER NAZER MAINTAINED THAT ANY FURTHER BOYCOTT LEGISLATION WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER U.S. FIRMS PARTICIPATION IN THE SAUDI ARABIAN MARKET. IN THE EVENING NAZER ADDRESSED THE MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE PRIMARILY DISCUSSING THE SAG POLICY REGARDING BOYCOTT LEGISLATION, AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SAUDI ARABIA.

5. ON AUGUST 10, THE MINISTER ATTENDED A BREAKFAST HOSTED BY SOUTH DAKOTA SENATOR ABOUREZK, AND A LUNCHEON AT THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT HOSTED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY GEORGE DIXON. IN THE AFTERNOON HE MET WITH REP. LEE HAMILTON AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE. IN THE EVENING, A RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MINISTER AND MRS. NAZER WAS HOSTED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY.

6. A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WAS HELD WITH SECRETARY SIMON ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, DURING WHICH THE MINISTER AND SECRETARY SIMON DISCUSSED RISING INFLATION IN SAUDI ARABIA, PROPOSED BOYCOTT LEGISLATION AND GUARANTY PROBLEMS FACED BY U.S. FIRMS OPERATING IN SAUDI ARABIA. NAZER REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING: 1) PROJECT COST ESTIMATES, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2) COST-PLUS FIXED-FEE CONTRACTING PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATION. THE MINISTER ALSO MET AND ATTENDED LUNCH WITH ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE ROBINSON. OTHER MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON AND ALLAN GREENSPAN, CHAIRMAN COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS. NAZER GAVE AN ADDRESS AT GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY THAT EVENING.

7. ON AUGUST 12, NAZER MET WITH GENERAL SCOWCROFT, ASSIST-

ANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS
IN ADDITION, MINISTER NAZER ATTENDED SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH
FRB CHAIRMAN BURNS, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ AND IBRD
CHAIRMAN MCNAMARA AND ATTENDED A DINNER FOR KEY WASHINGTON
JOURNALISTS.

8. THE LAST SERIES OF MEETINGS ON AUG. 13 INCLUDED A MEET-
ING WITH FEA ADMINISTRATOR ZARB, A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY
FORMER SENATOR J.W. FULBRIGHT AND A DINNER FOR BLACK
BUSINESS LEADERS.

9. ON AUG. 14, THE MINISTER VISITED RESTON, VIRGINIA TO
TOUR AND INSPECT A SOLAR ENERGY COMPLEX FINANCED BY SAUDI
ARABIA, AND IN THE EVENING HE ATTENDED A DINNER IN HIS
HONOR BY MR. YASSIN.

10. ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, MINISTER NAZER AND HIS PARTY DE-
PARTED WASHINGTON FOR CALIFORNIA. KISSINGER

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